

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

BULLETIN

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THE PREZ SEZ By Doug Heydon (WB6WDS)

Last month's meeting, the first try at an early evening time, had a small but enthusiastic crowd. The consensus was that we should give the early evening time slot another try, but at Space Park. George Campbell (W6FXZ) tells me that early returns of the application/questionnaire (about 18-20) indicate a preference for noon-time meetings. When there is a significant return of the forms to show a definite opinion on the part of a majority of the membership as to time and place, we will abide by that preference. So, get your form in to George at R2/2050 and make your voice heard.

This month, at least, we will continue the early evening experiment at 5:45 PM, Wednesday June 26 in conference room S/1482. Program feature will be a first hand account of the trials and triumphs of the TRW Amateur Radio Club's spring thing; "Field Day '68". Which reminds me to remind you that the big event is this week end. We will have 6 - count 'em - 6 rigs on the air, and that takes a lot of operating and logging manhours for a 27 hour period. Come out and join the fun. Remember to bring your original license to be able to operate.

Bill McClellan (W6VB) has kindly consented to participate and let us use his dandy call, which makes us CW types lots happier!

The "contest" (April Bulletin) for bulletin titles and/or logo designs got only three responses, and one was my own. Don't any more of you guys have any ideas on the subject? Don't be bashful - send them in.

For those of you who missed the May meeting and would like to take a stab at traffic handling, the Southern California Net (SCN) meets every night at 0200 and 0430 GMT (7 PM and 9:30 PM local time) on 3600 KHz. The first session is fairly snappy (about 25 wpm) but the second session is intended as a slow speed training session for introducing people to the fun and art of CW traffic work. Usual speed is 15 - 18 wpm, although any net control will slow down to 5 wpm if he has to, to try to encourage a newcomer. For guys who are really timid, try a check-in on SCN/2 some Monday night at 9:30 PM (0430 Tuesday GMT) when I have the net control. I guarantee not to go too fast - I can't! To further encourage some of you who might have listened to a net and wondered about the "funny Q signals", here is a very brief summary of a sample check-in:

- 1) WB6WDS(NCS): SCN DE WB6WDS QNI QTC? K
- 2) W6XYZ (You): X
- 3) NCS: X

- (4) a. You: DE W6XYZ QTC 1 RN6 \overline{AA}
or A LA \overline{AR}
b. DE W6XYZ QRU \overline{AR}
- (5) NCS: XYZ R \overline{AS}

EXPLANATION

- (1) General net call to SCN asking stations to check into net (QNI) and what traffic (QTC?).
- (2) and (3) Exchange of "hailsigns" to get attention of NCS and for him to acknowledge. When NCS repeats your hailsign (which can be any short code character) it is an invitation to transmit.
- (4) a. Actual check-in ("tail-ending" is now legal, so don't waste time by using NCS call) with a traffic list (QTC) of one message for the Sixth Region Net (RN6) and two for Los Angeles. All traffic for areas outside of SCN (which covers all of Southern California) is addressed to RN6.
- (4) b. Check-in with no traffic for the net (QRU).
- (5) NCS acknowledges your check-in and tells you to wait for further instructions.

Other most common GN signals are:

- QND - net is directed (controlled)
QNF - net is free (not controlled)
QNN - NCS is (call)
QNX - station is excused from net

and a few others which are not used as often as standard Q signals. It's not hard, so give it a whirl. I'll be listening for you.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

Balance on Hand, 15 May 1968

\$222.40

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$10.00
Door prize tickets	3.35
Total receipts	<u>\$13.35</u>

EXPENSES

Door prizes	\$ 6.15
Credit Union loan payment	20.00
Total expenses	<u>\$26.15</u>

Balance on Hand, 15 June 1968

\$209.60

NOTE: Group subscription rates to 73 are available until July at \$4.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00 for one, two and three years respectively. Contact Ed if interested.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Carl Goss' son Ken, WB6KET, who joined at the last meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT By Doug Freeman (WA6AZW)

Minutes of May 29, 1968 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1808. Harvey Hetland WA6KZI JCN Manager, presented a discussion of the National Traffic System, with question and answer period following.

The Treasurer's report and Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the Bulletin.

OLD BUSINESS

WB6WPO. The antenna plan drawing is complete, and was shown for discussion. Installation work is planned in the near future. Fred Reed volunteered to ramrod an antenna part when required. A general discussion of Field Day plans was held.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred Reed suggested that a certificate be designed to certify 5 TRW ARC members. Fred will design it and news of its availability distributed via K6BX. The suggestion was adopted by the club.

A discussion of the club meeting time followed, with the consensus in favor of leaving it at the present 1800, but moving to a Space Park location.

Joanny Rothrock (W6MYC) suggested the initiation of a ham library at WB6WPO.

Meeting adjourned at 1920.

BLIPS From Don Schweitzer (WB6TES).
EXTROVERTING THE INTROVERT or DON'T BE A LID, KID.

The situation of the Ham in our society is a paradox. He's a man with a mission, which he has the talent for, and, if he causes (or is even suspected of causing) TVI, he's an FCC missionary, by directive, no less.

To become a licensed Ham one must successfully demonstrate the possession of technical cranial resources somewhat superior to the hoi polloi. As the characteristics of the INTROVERT become dominant in the process, the gregarious instinct tends to diminish, and thereby hangs this tale.

Because, having obtained a ticket, an Amateur must immediately function as an EXTROVERT knowing he has to assume his separate and equal station among the powerpacks on the air without critique and vilification from his peers, there are hangups. The metamorphosis requires thought.

As we examine the necessary techniques of successful EXTemporization (a much neglected art) which may easily adapt to Hamming, let us consider the methods of the TV Comic, the M.C., or any solvent movie studio. But, first, we must set aside those peculiarities of Ham Radio which have evolved in phrases and symbols that simplify and expedite communications where time is the essence, and life or property is involved. I am saying nobody, but NOBODY,

gets coy about MAYDAY, SOS, or even a request for emergency clearance for a report from a mobile on a traffic incident. A responsibility comes with the ticket. Be prepared to act. In 'Show Biz', parroted routines were acceptable in the early days of long hops and meager communications. Keeping pace, Teleprompters and Idiot Cards became necessary to preserve continuity where situations and events, even history could change in a few seconds. The key man might be you. The articulate voice available might well be yours!

In voice transmission modes we find many Lid operators who are guilty of parroting and repeating endlessly in round tables or rag chews to the point where they are ostracized, despite their acumen in the field. I presume to address myself to those gentlemen, and I request that you who read me extend my remarks, with due respect, for sincere consideration.

Let's adopt two devices which are really adaptations of the methods of commercial radio. Let's modernize our operations as follows:

- Number One. Plan a form to notate by key words, topics, questions, and names of ops in the QSO, then use it. It will increase your audio tremendously.
- Number Two. Record contacts by name, call, and date on a little 'memory' file, and refer to it. It's so nice to be remembered (while you are around).
- Furthermore. Do not repeat or rehash unless band conditions require. Do offer new or original ideas (if you can't patent them). Leave controversy to the pros. Judge not issues hot. Shut up.
- Summary. Don't ever use big unfamiliar words like EXTEMPORIZATION on the air; few Shacks have time or a place for a dictionary.

P.S. It was the eve of Field Day, and Ham Sam was assigned to bunk with Fred, a notorious, snoring bed hog.

In the morning a friend who knew the situation asked if Sam got any sleep. Ham Sam reported he was OK - slept like a log.

The friend asked, "How could you sleep? Fred is a bed hog."

"Well," Sam replied, "I'd heard about Fred's habits, too. So, I just kissed him goodnight and he was too scared to go to bed."

TRADING POST

For Sale:

- (1) Lafayette Ha 460 6 meter transceiver, with 12 VDC and 110 VAC power supplier, low pass filter, portable 3 element beam and 20' support post. \$125. John Waugen (WB6YAH) x 51211.
- (2) 5 new RCE 3E29 (829B) tubes. \$5/each. Don Etheredge (K6UMV) x 65765.

Wanted:

- (1) HF transceiver and 12V power supply. K6UMV

GENERAL INFORMATION

By Don Etheredge (K6UMV)

In two separate releases from the Federal Communications Commission, both dated March 26, 1968 release, the commission said it considered and rejected such concepts as:

1. Technician Class operation in the 10 meter band.
2. A reduction in code speed requirements for General Class.
3. A code-free license for operation in the two meter band.
4. A five-year term for the novice.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. There were a total of 296476 U.S. amateurs licensed as of December 31, 1967.
2. There were 13,991 amateurs in the Los Angeles County as of the same date.
3. In the ARRL annual report for 1967, it is noted that:

"Prompted by a case raised in the Texas courts, FCC took a close look at the telephone companies' restrictions on interconnection of foreign attachments, with the initial findings in favor of much more liberal use of such devices, which may eventually lead to formal action in the matter of amateur 'phone patches'. It could be a mixed blessing, especially if stringent technical requirements and monthly fees are imposed."

4. FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, Docket 17364, which would move walkie-talkies from the 27 MHz Citizen's Band to 49.91 - 49.99 MHz over a period of years.